

## News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

Welcome to the **April 2019** Edition of the Technical Swimming Committee Newsletter.

### **Vale**

It is with great sadness that the TSC notes the passing of Swimming NSW Life Member Ron Jordan OAM.

Ron was involved in the sport of swimming for well over 50 years, serving as President of SNSW from 1991 to 2001. Ron was also a member of the Swimming NSW Education and Competitions Committees for a number of years as well as the Technical and Learn To Swim Committees.

A current member of the Peakhurst Swim Club, Ron was also the New South Wales Team Organiser for the Pacific School Games for a number of years.

Ron will be sorely missed and the TSC extends its sympathies to Ron's family and many friends.

### **Congratulations**

Well done to Cherry Smith, Faye Lewis and Dave Cooper who have been appointed to International meets to be held in July and August this year.

Dave Cooper has been appointed to the World University Games in Naples, Faye Lewis is attending a FINA Seminar in Budapest and has been appointed to the World Championships in South Korea, and Cherry will be officiating at the World Junior Championships in Hungary.

Congratulations to these hard-working officials!

### **SNSW Technical Swimming Committee**

Congratulations to Cherry Smith, Peter Shell and Chris Hayes who have been appointed to the TSC. Members of the TSC for 2019 are –

Graeme Field  
Chris Hayes  
Faye Lewis

Peter Shell  
Cherry Smith  
John Williams

Josh Karp will continue to provide secretarial support to the TSC.

A very big thank you to the outgoing members John Hart, John Rohloff and Bill Ford for their significant contributions to the TSC over many, many years.

### **Thank You**

A huge thanks to all the Technical Officials who officiated at the recent Speedo Sprint Finals, MC Meet #1, NSW State Open and Junior State Age. There were some very long timelines at Junior Age and all the Officials worked extremely well together.

## My Lane – Kayleen Murphy

### 1. What Club did you start your swimming career?

My first club was Junee in the Riverina Area of NSW. I started competitively swimming in 1970 at 5 years of age. In 1976 my family moved to Sydney where I swam with the Wenden and Padstow Swimming Clubs. I was fortunate to swim at National Level from 1978 to 1982.

I joined Wagga Wagga Swimming Club in 2003 as a coach.

### 2. What was your first TO credential and what year did you attain that credential?

My first Technical Accreditation was Timekeeper and Chief Timekeeper which I completed in 2007.

### 3. Why did you become an official? Why do you still Officiate?

I suppose it was my love of swimming and the natural next progression from competitive swimmer and coach. I wanted to make sure that what I was teaching the squad swimmers was correct and in line with rules of swimming.

I originally wanted to follow in my Father's footsteps and become a Multiclass Technical Classifier. However, the Criteria changed and was made harder to pursue as I did not possess the required tertiary degrees.

I started officiating in 2005 when I was approached by the Local Schools to assist with their swimming carnivals.

My Journey towards Referee began after I met Chris Hayes at a SISA Development Day in Wagga just after SISA was formed. I began to officiate at our local meets working my way through all the credentials.

I love to officiate at the 'grass roots' level where I get to see swimmers compete at their very first meet, then over the following years witness their development and improvement in the sport of swimming.

I have been fortunate enough in this early stage of my officiating journey to officiate and witness some truly amazing athletes competing for their club, area, state and country.

I really enjoy officiating outside my SISA area and regularly attend other area's meets just so I can learn from them. I especially enjoy officiating at Multiclass meets.

Lastly, I have made many life-long friendships with other Technical Officials.



**4. What is the highest credential received? (i.e. Starter Level 1, Referee Level 3, JOS, etc)**

Referee Level 2 and Referee (SWD) Level 1

**5. What is your goal(s)?**

Stay healthy and fit so that I can continue to do what I thoroughly enjoy.

I like to continually set small achievable goals. My next goal is to reach Referee Level 3 and Referee Multi-Class Level 2.

If successful in those I would then like to learn more on officiating Multi-Class meets. My ultimate goal is to reach the lofty heights of being a FINA accredited Referee in both able-bodied and Multi-Class swimming.

**6. What is the highest level meet at which you have officiated? (eg Area, State, National, Pan Pacs etc).**

In 2018 I attended my first Age Nationals in Sydney. In 2018 I attended State Teams in Canberra where I had the opportunity to perform the Role of Referee. In February 2019 I attended the World Para Trials in Melbourne. In April, 2019 I have been selected to officiate at the Australian Open swimming Championship and the Australian Age Swimming Championships in Adelaide.

**7 With respect to your answer to Question 6, can you please pass on some of the strategies/tips you used to help you achieve your appointment?**

At local meets I like to take the mysticism out of officiating by encouraging potential officials to walk with me where I explain to them what I am looking for in respect to arm and leg movements in each discipline being swum. If after that they wish to pursue their officiating I offer to help and mentor them.

Don't let a mistake put you off reporting an infraction or continuing to perform your role. Have confidence in yourself. We have **all** made mistakes. However, the longer you officiate and more experienced you become the time frame between these mistakes will lengthen – till hopefully they are years apart.

Continually refresh your knowledge of the rules and regulations of swimming and any changes to those rules and regulations.

I would strongly encourage any official to, if practical, attend and officiate at a SOPAC meet where you can observe some of the best officials in the country in action. Ask them questions and learn from them, they are all more than happy to impart their knowledge.





### 2019 SNSW Development Program

The SNSW Technical Official Development Pathway for 2019 has been finalised by the TSC. The following dates on the Swimming development calendar will be used as development dates for Officials –

**Senior Age Representative Squad (SARS)** – 3<sup>RD</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy

**Junior Area Representative Squad (JARS)** – 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

To nominate, complete the EOI which can be found [HERE](#).

Nominations close 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### Next SNSW Meets

Nominations are open for the 2019 Winter Season, which include the following Meets. To nominate, please click [HERE](#)

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
SNSW 2019 Sydney Open	SOPAC	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
SNSW MC #2	Ryde Aquatic	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
SNSW Country SC Championships	SOPAC	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
SNSW Metropolitan SC Championships	SOPAC	19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### TSC Buddies

With the recent change in membership, the TSC has updated its Area “buddy” program. The program identifies TSC members who can be contacted directly by the respective Area TSC committee should they have any issues or questions -

TSC member	Areas	
Graeme Field	MNW	CVSA
Peter Shell	MSE	MSW
John Williams	NENW	WEST
Chris Hayes	MNE	SISA
Faye Lewis	SESA	ACT
Cherry Smith	SNC	MPS

## NOAP

Just a reminder that at the early stages of your officiating career you need to complete the General Principles course on line. The course can be found [HERE](#)

Once completed, you will need to send the completed form onto your ATSCC.

## The QUIZ

### April Quiz

Please click on the link [HERE](#) to a video of the Woman's 200m Breaststroke swam at the recent 2019 Canadian Swimming Trials.

The lanes are numbered 0-9 and as the video commences, lane 0 is to the right side of the screen (or at the bottom of the screen from the side on footage).

Pay attention to Lane 5, Kierra Smith, particularly following the 150m turn. While the video is not clear, do you see anything unusual, especially when you compare her stroking action to those swimmers close to her?

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Josh Karp:  
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